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CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments to claims 1, and 7-9 shown below. All other claims remain unchanged.

1. (Currently amended) A paper roll dispensing system, paper roll apparatus comprising:

a paper roll dispenser comprising a paper roll dispensing aperture thereof;

a paper winding core within said paper roll dispenser, comprising a paper winding region thereof; and

a pair of paper retention caps each comprising a securing lip for securing side ends of a paper roll wound about said paper winding region and situated so that said paper roll can be passed through said paper roll dispensing aperture, wherein:

~~pressure for securing said side ends is provided by said paper retention caps; and~~

~~no additional material is secured about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.~~

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an outer end of said paper winding core.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:

at least one of said paper retention caps slides over an outer end of said paper winding core and is retained by said paper winding core with its securing lip securing said side ends of said paper roll.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

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2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.

1 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising
2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.

1 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising
2 said paper roll wound around said paper winding region, with said
3 side ends of said paper roll secured by said securing lips.

1 7. (Currently amended) A method for dispensing ~~preparing a~~
2 ~~paper roll, apparatus comprising the steps of:~~
3 introducing a wound paper roll about a paper winding region
4 of a paper winding core;
5 securing side ends of said paper roll about said paper
6 winding region using a pair of securing lips of a pair of paper
7 retention caps each comprising one of said securing lips; and
8 situating the paper winding core, paper roll and retention
9 cap combination within a paper roll dispenser so that said paper
10 roll can be passed through a paper roll dispensing aperture of
11 said paper roll dispenser
12 ~~— providing pressure for securing said side ends using said~~
13 ~~paper retention caps, without securing any additional material~~
14 ~~about said paper retention caps to provide said pressure.~~

1 8. (Currently amended) The method ~~apparatus~~ of claim 7,
2 further comprising the step of:
3 sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
4 outer end of said paper winding core.

1 9. (Currently amended) The method ~~apparatus~~ of claim 7,

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2 further comprising the steps of:
3 sliding at least one of said paper retention caps over an
4 outer end of said paper winding core; and
5 retaining said at least one of said paper retention caps
6 with its securing lip securing said side ends of said paper roll,
7 using said paper winding core.